

THE FOUR WINDS

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL QUARTERS



WING COMMANDER : This Fleet Air Arm officer is not, as appears to be the case, trying to emulate *Mercury* of the Short-Mayo combination; he is merely ready to hook the Supermarine Walrus on to the derrick tackle of H.M.S. *Shropshire*. Somebody seems due for a wallow in a minute!

THE Segrave Trophy for 1937 has been awarded to F/O. A. E. Clouston for his flight from England to South Africa and back in 5 days, 17 hours, 28 minutes. The trophy is presented for the most meritorious performance on land, sea or air.

A.V.-M. R. Williams, Chief of the Australian Air Staff, has been appointed to represent Australia at the opening of the Singapore naval base.

Organised by the Yugoslavian Royal Aero Club, an international aircraft show is to be held in connection with the Belgrade Fair, May 28-June 7.

A four-seater version of the Fairchild 24 high-wing monoplane has just been announced. Top, cruising and landing speeds are, respectively, 138 m.p.h., 125 m.p.h. and 49 m.p.h.

Four Douglas D.C.3s shortly to be delivered to K.L.M. are to have fully feathering Curtiss airscrews. Tests with the Schwartz type of feathering airscrew are also being made by the company.

Mr. H. J. Wilson has been appointed deputy Press and publicity officer at the Air Ministry under Mr. C. P. Robertson. Mr. Wilson was formerly news editor of the *Morning Post*.

In 1937 the Air Communication Group of the Legion of Frontiersmen, Northern Command, flew 609 hours, 35 minutes. On several occasions pilots of the Legion have co-operated in the training of A.A. brigades of the Territorial Army.

Imperial Airways report (and corroborate with a photograph) that an Empire flying-boat lady passenger, at Malakal, caught five large fish with a piece of string and a bent pin. Which seems to raise the query: When a flying boat is also a fishing boat, what extra logs, licences, and so forth have to be carried by the captain?

In 1937 Holland imported 3,620 cwt. of aircraft and parts (including 25 complete machines), valued at £372,067, as against 1,280 cwt. (including 10 complete machines), valued at £102,590 in 1936. Fifteen of the machines came from America and five from Great Britain.

An Italian Savoia Marchetti S.74 high-wing transport with four Alfa-Romeo 126 r.c. 34 engines (Pegasus type) flown by Giuseppe Tesei and Lino Rosci has beaten the International speed record for aeroplanes over 1,000 km. with a load of 10 tons, attaining an average of 322.089 km/hr. The former record was held by a Farman.

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Certain alterations have been made in the R.Ae.S. lecture programme. On April 21 Prof. J. E. Younger, of California University, will speak on "High-altitude Flying," and the lecture originally fixed for that date is postponed until April 28 (see Diary, p. 119). The February 17 lecture ("Maintenance of Civil Aircraft") is postponed.



"Flight" photograph

TAIL-PIECE : A close-up of the full cantilever tail of the D.H. Albatross. The rudders have been placed at the extreme tips, and the tailplane has a sharp dihedral. The modification is intended to ensure positive stability under all conditions of flight—this is particularly important for blind take-offs over a wide range of loadings and load dispositions. A striking new flying picture of the Albatross appears on page 103d.